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1. The East German shortage of grain and a severe shortage of beets and feed reached a critical stage in Early March 1954.
2. The monthly grain imports from the East Bloc averaged 29,000 tons from September 1953 to January 1954, as compared with the 1953 monthly average of 57,000 tons.
3. Minister for Foreign Trade Kurt Gregor was sent to Moscow early in February 1954 to arrange for additional imports of feed, meat, and butter.
4. The latest railroad reports show a sharp increase of grain imports from the USSR; the estimated total for February 1954 is 85,000 tons.

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